

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Y. OGAWA et al. Confirmation No.: 9914  
Serial No.: 10/671,718  
Filed: September 29, 2003  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR RELEVANT DOCUMENT  
SEARCH  
Group: 2169  
Examiner: P. Kim

**REPLY**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 22, 2009

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2009, the period for reply thereto being extended one month to expire May 22, 2009, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.